

1 Giving personal information.

Can you spell your name, please?
What did you do last weekend?
Do you enjoy studying English? Why? Why not?
How often do you go to the cinema?
What kind of music do you like?
Will English be useful for you in the future? Why? Why not?
What do you enjoy doing in your free time?
What plans have you got for next weekend?
What is your favourite food?
Where did you go for your last holidays?
What other languages would you like to learn?

Tip

Do not answer with one word or short sentences, but with complete answers. For example, instead of saying *Rap* you may say *I like most kind of music, but my favourite type of music is rap, especially singers like...*

2 Describing a photo (1)

To describe a photo, try to answer these questions:

The place

- Is it inside or outside?
- What can you see in each part of the photo? (e.g. On the left...)
- What type of place is it? (e.g. house, building, street, etc.)

The people

- How many people are there?
- How old are they?
- What do they look like?
- What are they wearing?
- What is the relationship between them?

The activity

- What are they doing?
- Why are they doing it?
- Is it an everyday activity or a special occasion?

The time

- What time of day is it? How do you know?
- Can you guess the season? How?

The other things

- What other objects can you see?
- What are they there for?

Tip

These questions help you describe any photo. Remember not to stop talking and try to describe everything.

Useful language

To describe people

He / She's (about 20 years old / middle aged / in his / her thirties...)

He / She's got brown hair / blue eyes...

He / She looks happy / sad / excited ...

He / She looks like a fisherman / student ...

He / She's wearing smart clothes / winter clothes /

They might be at work / at a party

To indicate where the items in the photo are

On the right / left there's

At the top / bottom

In the centre...

In the background / foreground

3 Describing a photo (2) Speculating

Useful language

It's probably ...

They might be...

Perhaps / Maybe...

I think he / she has just asked a question / arrived / won a prize...

They might / must / can't / could be students / be at a party / live there...

They might / must / could / can't have (had an argument / had an accident / got some good news...

It looks like / as if ...

If you don't know a word you may say:

It's a thing / object / machine / gadget for ...

It's a type of sport / food / clothing...

It's made of wood / metal / fabric / glass...

It's used for heating / moving things / making ...

You use it to ...

I'm not sure of the word in English, but ...

I can't remember what it's called, but...

I don't know what it's called, but...

4 Comparing photos

Useful language

The room in photo C is smaller than the room in photo D

The sofa Looks more comfortable.....

The woman in picture A looks older than the woman in picture B

The people in picture A look happy whereas the people in picture B don't

In both pictures...

Both pictures show different aspects of

The common theme is...

The is / are the same in both pictures.....

You may give your opinion:

I think in both pictures

I'd say that the boy in picture A is younger than the

Use connectors to organize your description

Although there are the same number of people in both pictures they are doing different things

The house in picture A looks *However*, the house in picture B is

5 Spoken interactions (1) Making, accepting and refusing invitations

Useful expressions

I'm sorry, I can't

Do you want to ...?

Do you fancy + _ing

Do you fancy...?

I'd love to !

What a great idea, thanks.

I'd rather not, because....

No, thanks, I'm going to meet

6 Spoken interactions (2) Giving advice

You could

How about?

If I were you, I'd ...

You should...

Good idea!

I don't think that would work.

I'd love to. Thanks.

I hadn't thought of that.

Why didn't I think of that?

7 Spoken interactions (3) Shopping

Have you got this in a smaller / bigger size?

How much is this / that?

Can I pay by credit card?

Can you enter your PIN, please?

What size do you want?

Has it got a ...?

Do you have a ...?

I need a size 42.

We've got one / some on special offer.

I'll take it / them

Yes, you can pay in cash or by credit card.

Shall I put that in a bag?

Can I help you?

I'm looking for

Here you are.

Yes, please.

No, thanks.

8 Spoken interactions (4) Eating out

Can I take your order?

What would you recommend?

Are there any specials today?

And of the main course?

Would you like a desert?

What's the / what's in the ...?

Today's specials are...

What would you like to drink?

Can we have the bill, please?

To start I'll have...

Have you got any vegetarian dishes?

9 Spoken interactions (5) Travelling

I'd like a ticket to Manchester, please.

Single or return?

Can you tell me what time the 12:00 train arrives in M?

Which platform does the train leave from?

Does the bus stop at ...?

How long is the flight?

How much is a ... ticket?